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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: EUGENE ROELOFSE.

EUGENE ROELOFSE, PRE-EMINENT CONSUMER AFFIARS SPECIALIST IN SOUTH AFRICA, FORMER DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA, AND CURRENTLY ON LONGTERM CONSULTATION CONTRACT WITH SA COUNCIL CHURCHES (SACC) TO DEVELOP WIDERANGING CONSUMER INFORMATION PROGRAM (ESPECIALLY FOR LOW-INCOME BLACK PEOPLE) PLANNING VISIT US SEPTEMBER 5-25, INCLUDING CHICAGO (SEPT. 5-9), NEW YORK (9-16), BOSTON (16-18), WASHINGTON (18-25). TRIP, WHICH INCLUDES VISIT TO SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO OBSERVE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACTIVITIES, ENTIRELY FINANCED BY SACC. POST REQUEST FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO ENABLE ROELOFSE INVESTIGATE

1) CREDIT SALES ABUSES; (2) LOW-INCOME SWITCH SALES AND WARRANTIES ABUSES, (3) OMBUDSMAN SYSTEMS, (4) DECEPTIVE PACKAGING. IN WASHINGTON, REQUESTS APPOINTMENTS WITH NATIONAL CONSUMER LAW CENTER (NADER'S ORGANIZATION), FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, NATIONAL COMMISSION ON PRODUCT SAFETY, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, CONSUMER LEAGUE, CONSUMER'S ASSOCIATION, DEPT. TRANSPORTATION, CONSUMER INFORMATION CENTER OF GSA (MRS. M. ARSENOFF IS PERSONAL FRIEND OF ABPAO BROOKS SPECTOR, AND HAS ALREADY OFFERED ASSIST FOREIGN CONSUMER ACTIVISTS - TEL NO (202) 254-8820). IN BOSTON, ROELOFSE WISHES VISIT UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS ON TENANTLANDLORD RELATIONS, PERSONAL FRIEND BEN

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POGRUND (ASST. EDITOR, JOHANNESBURG'S RAND DAILY MAIL) CURRENTLY

ON EXCHANGE ASSIGNMENT WITH " BOSTON GLOBE".
IN CHICAGO WISHES VISIT AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO DICUSS
MEDICAL ADVERTISING, PROF. R. BAUMHART OF LOYOLA UNIVERSITY,
CORNISH RODGERS, EDITOR OF CHRISTIANITY TODAY.
IN NEW YORK REQUESTS APPOINTMENTS WITH VANCE PACKARD, GRAY
AREAS PROJECT OF FORD FOUNDATION, BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU,
NAACP HEAD OFFICE, REV. R. POWELL OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CHURCHES, HARRY HAINES OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND NEW YORK
CITY OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS. POST ALSO SUGGESTS MEETINGS
WITH PRIVATE BUSINESS CONSUMER ADVISORS SUCH AS MRS. E. PETERSON
OF GIANT FOODS IN WASHINGTON, OR OTHER CONTACTS.
ROELOFSE WILL BE IN UK AUGUST 19-28 AND WILL CONTACT CAO,
AMEMBASSY LONDON TO BE ADVISED OF RESPONSE TO FACILITATIVE
ASSISTANCE TO THIS REQUEST.
BIODATA WILL BE FORARDED ASAP.
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